

Mr. President, I believe—and I know that people in Israel believe—they have to have peace because it is unlike some other parts of the world where the absence of peace doesn't necessarily mean violence or war. There are tense relations in many parts of the world with one country alongside the other where there is no killing between them. It doesn't mean that there is affection. It doesn't mean that there is necessarily diplomatic or economic pursuits between these places. But in that area, I think most people are convinced that if it is not peace, it is violence, it is war. That is a condition that every one of us wants to see avoided. And so I hope we can take some comfort in the fact that we, the United States, are trying to be helpful to all parties there. We have worked very hard to make sure that Israel has the ability to call upon us when she needs a friend in world forums.

We are friendly and supportive of Egypt and Jordan and even attempt to try to get the Palestinian Authority to renounce parts of their covenant that says they want to destroy Israel. Yes, we don't like that. But to suggest, on the other hand, that President Clinton is someone who wants to send Israel a threatening message that comes from the terrorist side of the equation is unfair and, again I say, outrageous.

So I hope the Israelis and the Palestinians will be able to pursue a peaceful discourse. No one—no one—knows what Israel needs by way of its security better than the people of Israel. They have to make that decision. It is not going to be made in Washington, it is going to be made in Jerusalem. It is going to be made between the parties, and we have to let them do that, but recognize that they want us to play a role.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to be in these Chambers on such a historic day. Many out there might think that I am referring to this final passage of the tax reform bill, and that is truly historic and very significant and allows the American people to be removed from the fear of their own Government. And that is significant, but it is not the most significant historical thing happening.

Earlier today, there was a speech in here that recognized something very important that is happening. Last year, I was presiding when Senator BYRD gave his speech about mothers. Today, he spoke about mothers. On Sunday, we will be recognizing mothers. Mothers are probably the most significant historical thing that happen each and every day in this country. "Mother" has to be the world's most special word.

I want to add to his comments and those of Senator THOMAS earlier today.

Of course, the person we get to know the best—or at least, probably more correctly worded, who knows us the best—is our mother. That gives them a very special place in our lives. They always set expectations for us. I will have to relate this in terms of my mother. I know it is done by mothers all over the country. I will tell you a little bit about my mother, and you can relate that to your mother and the other mothers in this country who are making a difference and raising families.

My mom set expectations. It is one of those jobs of a mom. I remember coming home from a PTA meeting when I was in kindergarten, and they had talked about college, and from that point on she talked about "when" I went to college. They had talked about Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT, so at that point she was sure I would be an engineer and go to MIT. But it is that expectation of college that sticks, and the other expectations of mom's, for me.

She made deals for learning, for education. I remember once an encyclopedia salesman came to the house—the "Book of Knowledge"—and I got to look at all those dream pages in there on all of those topics. I kind of pleaded with her to have an encyclopedia, and she asked me, if she got the encyclopedia, if I would give up comic books. This was in about second grade. Well, I wound up with the encyclopedia, and she worked hard to make sure we could pay for that encyclopedia. I still have that outdated encyclopedia, and it still gives the same excitement, the same feelings of mystery and adventure, that it did then.

And mothers give time. Sometimes they give it in a formal way to service organizations. My mom was a Cub Scout leader, she was my sister's Brownie and Girl Scout leader, and was very active in Sunday school and church, and just did a lot of things that involved us. But all mothers give time, and a lot of times we don't think about the time that they are giving when they are doing the things they are expected to do—organizing schedules, getting the meals together, doing the laundry, sewing a button on, putting a Band-Aid on—all those little things that we come to take for granted. That is time that mothers give—extra time that mothers give.

They give encouragement. They dream those dreams for us, and then they help us to fulfill them. It was my mom who encouraged me to be an Eagle Scout. "Encourage" is a word for "insist," I think. Without some insistence, sometimes we don't get quite to the place that their vision includes. And they hear about other dreams and visions for each one that we are able to accomplish, and they move us to another level of envisioning.

Of course, moms are the chief people for traditions, too. We have oyster stew on Christmas Eve, play instruments around a Christmas tree, have chicken

on Sunday. In fact, to this day it isn't Sunday unless I get fried chicken. Nights with popcorn, playing games, listening—I am old enough that we used to sit down and listen to the radio together. "Fibber McGee and Molly" was one of the most popular shows. Making sauerkraut, and canning, all of the kinds of meals that mother put together.

Of course, the mothers are the ones who really establish that firm foundation of family. They are the ones who watch out for the parents and the grandparents and the kids and the grandkids, and think of the little events that are happening that ought to be special celebrations, and they make them special celebrations, often, by being there.

Of course, another part that mothers play is an educational role, passing on the lessons from their moms, and often in very succinct phrases. I have in my Washington office the mission statement that we came up with by which we measure everything that is done in the office. It is a series of phrases that my mom used to use when we were growing up, just so that we knew what we were supposed to be doing. The three easy rules are: Do what is right. Do your best. Treat others as you want to be treated. Even here in the U.S. Senate, if it doesn't fit those criteria, we are not going to do it.

Earlier today, Senator THOMAS made some comments about my mom. I deeply appreciated those. My mom was selected as Wyoming's Mother of the Year this year. She is 75 years young and still involved in many things, probably most principally still involved in being a mother. I still get the regular lessons, the hopes, the expectations, the dreams. But last weekend I got to go to Atlanta to see the special celebration for the mothers of the year from each of the States in the Nation. I have to tell you, that was a very spectacular collection of women who have done some very unusual things, way beyond the call of duty. And they do that as a celebration of all mothers and the unusual things that mothers do, often without credit.

I have to tell you that a lady named Diane Matthews was given the honor of being the Nation's Mother of the Year, and she will spend the next year traveling around at her own expense, helping out mothers' organizations across this country to deliver a message. I wish that I had the time to run through the special attributes that all of these women who were mothers of the year had. They deserve it. But, so does your mother deserve some special accolades, and that is what Sunday is going to be about, making a special day of saying, "Thanks, mom," and maybe mentioning a few of those things that we forget to mention some of the times.

I have to tell you a little bit about this organization that does this nationwide thing for promoting mothers, because that is what will change this country more than what we do in this

body. Laws will not make the difference in the end—or in the beginning. Mothers are there at the beginning, and they start to form our lives right at that point. I have to tell you that this organization tries to improve motherhood, something that is already excellent. They know that it can be better. They know that if they work together, they can make this country better. I want to pass on to you a few of the suggestions they have for the homes of America.

They have a pledge that mothers who join sign on to. It covers some very basic things. They recognize that there are no quick fixes to problems facing families, but they suggest: Pray each day. Establish family traditions; share history. Inspire respect, a sense of belonging, a feeling of gratitude and responsibility. They suggest a daily devotion and having a family meeting once a week. That is included with eating together as a family at least once a day for a chance to compare notes; play together, learn, teach and model life skills, such as time management; love and nurture family members; monitor television viewing; promote patriotism; teach values; plan and spend time with your spouse; and learn the parenting skills.

They have some community goals: Reestablish the dignity and importance of being a mother; encourage community-wide needs assessment to identify and solve problems. They recognize that the moms can see the problems in the community, they can identify those needs and get people busy solving them.

They suggest implementing a mentor mothers program: Get the mothers who have some experience to help those who don't have experience yet to learn what the jobs are, and that can be done in a neighborhood sort of way.

They have a number of suggestions for the neighborhood: Create a nurturing neighborhood; community watch and safe neighborhoods; community cleanliness and beautification; recycling; emergency preparedness; gardens for the hungry; and neighborhood parties to create a sense of belonging. In this country, we have lost the sense of belonging as we get so busy and wrapped up in our jobs, and that is something to which mothers will bring us back.

They are emphasizing family time together, mothers helping other mothers, sharing the peace and power of prayer and providing quilts for at-risk babies—they go to hospitals all over the country and give quilts to babies who might otherwise be at risk—and also showing the appreciation of the role of mothers everywhere.

It was a tremendous adventure to attend their convention and see all of the different activities in which they are involved, things we ought to have more people involved in all over this country.

I encourage everyone to make Mother's Day special this year. Mothers help

us to have celebrations. They are cheerleaders for all of the events of our lives. Sunday is a good day to be a cheerleader for the events in their lives. Take a few moments and write down some of the fond memories of your mother and share those with your mother. It will be a pleasant experience for both of you. After all, your mother had the dreams and did the work that makes your day, today, a reality.

In a speech I saw once, there were some lines that go something like this: For 9 long months, your mother carried you next to her heart. There is nothing that you will ever be able to do that will exceed her secret expectations of you. And even if your actions sink to the lowest depths of human behavior, you can't possibly sink beneath the love of her for you.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1ST

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute's report for the week ending May 1, that the U.S. imported 8,773,000 barrels of oil each day, an increase of 667,000 barrels over the 8,106,000 imported daily during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 57.7 percent of their needs last week. There are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States obtained approximately 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Politicians had better give consideration to the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.—now 8,287,000 barrels a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, May 6, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,485,513,178,742.02 (Five trillion, four hundred eighty-five billion, five hundred thirteen million, one hundred seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred forty-two dollars and two cents).

One year ago, May 6, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,337,029,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred thirty-seven billion, twenty-nine million).

Five years ago, May 6, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,244,490,000,000 (Four trillion, two hundred forty-four billion, four hundred ninety million).

Ten years ago, May 6, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,517,049,000,000 (Two trillion, five hundred seventeen billion, forty-nine million).

Fifteen years ago, May 6, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,255,688,000,000 (One trillion, two hundred fifty-five billion, six hundred eighty-eight million) which reflects a debt increase of

more than \$4 trillion—\$4,229,825,178,742.02 (Four trillion, two hundred twenty-nine billion, eight hundred twenty-five million, one hundred seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred forty-two dollars and two cents) during the past 15 years.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF RONALD E. WYNN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the life of Ronald E. Wynn, who died Friday, May 1, 1998. I first met Ron as a patient in 1987. He bears the distinction of being the first African-American to receive a heart transplant at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and I had the honor of performing his surgery. While our relationship was initially that of doctor/patient, it later evolved into something deeper. Ron's wife describes him as someone who "always had a smile on his face" and who "always tried to help other people." These characteristics, along with our shared desire to promote the need for organ donation, caused our friendship to grow.

Several of my transplant patients came to me in 1987 with the idea of bicycling across the state of Tennessee to promote organ donation awareness. My initial thought was they were crazy. I told them, "It's one thing to go swimming and riding and jumping running around at a controlled event, where help is just around the corner. But to go pedaling across a state with nobody around to help and no place to go if you get in trouble—it's not twenty-five miles, with people standing cheering you on; it's five hundred miles, with long stretches of deserted road, and huge hills, and cars zipping past. It's too risky." Ron was one of those courageous souls who sought to publicize this worthwhile goal by participating in this event, and he, along with several others, eventually persuaded me that it could be done in a safe and effective manner. Because of their influence, I, too, became an advocate for this program and took an active role in publicizing and promoting this event. "Transplant Bikers Across Tennessee" became a phenomenal success which helped increase donor awareness across our state and our country.

Ron's contributions to our state spanned a wide range of achievement and service. One of our local papers, The Tennessean, chronicled Ron's life in its May 5, 1998 edition. Ron graduated from Pearl Senior High School in 1965 and from Fisk University in 1969 with a degree in physics. He then continued his education by doing graduate work at Fisk in physics and mathematics, and put that education to practice by working as a health physicist reviewing radioactive material applications. Ron also served as a reserve officer in the Navy and was the first African-American on the amphibious assault carrier the *USS Francis Marion*.